



POTATOES

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POTATO STOCKS INCREASE

The 13 major potato States held 170 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2010, up 11 percent from a year ago and 4 percent above March 1, 2008. Potatoes in storage accounted for 44 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, 3 percentage points above March 1, 2009. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.20 million cwt on March 1, 2010, up 10 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

Potato disappearance, at 214 million cwt, was 2 percent below March 1, 2009 and down 9 percent from 2008. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 20.9 million cwt, was up 12 percent from the same date in 2009 and 3 percent above 2008.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 108 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 7 percent from the same period last year and down 14 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 19.8 million cwt of the total processing, down 8 percent from last year and 22 percent below the same period in 2008.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on March 1, 2009-2010 ^{1/}

State	Crop of 2008			Crop of 2009			
	Production	Stocks Mar. 1, 2009	Percent of Production	Production	Stocks Feb. 1, 2010	Stocks Mar. 1, 2010 ^{2/}	March Percent of Production
	1,000 cwt.		Percent	1,000 cwt.			Percent
CA ^{3/}	3,948	1,000	25	4,158	1,300	1,100	26
CO	21,907	11,100	51	22,080	12,200	10,500	48
ID	116,475	56,500	49	131,000	76,500	65,500	50
ME ^{3/}	14,769	7,100	48	15,263	9,300	7,800	51
MI	14,875	3,300	22	15,660	5,200	3,500	22
MN	20,400	8,700	43	20,700			
MT	3,465	3,200	92	3,347	3,100	3,000	90
NE	8,245	3,500	42	8,756	4,200	3,300	38
NY	5,696	1,200	21	4,950			
ND	22,680	8,100	36	19,125	9,000	7,000	37
OR	18,676	9,800	52	21,460	12,900	10,700	50
WA	93,000	31,400	34	88,450	43,300	36,200	41
WI	25,730	7,800	30	28,980	14,900	12,000	41
Other States					11,500	9,500	
13 States	369,866	152,700	41	383,929	203,400	170,100	44
Klamath Basin ^{4/}		2,000			2,800	2,200	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop.

Seed usage for all seasons in 2009 totaled 24.5 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

3/ February 1, 2010 stocks revised.

4/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co. Oregon. Included in the 13 State totals.